

Circuit Court

Circuit Judges, Official Reporters, Judicial Circuits, and At-Large Judges

46 Judges: 33 elected by the General Assembly from the sixteen Judicial Circuits for 6-year terms; 13 elected by the General Assembly from the State at-large for 6-year terms—Act 164, 1979, Sec. 14-5-610 of the 1976 Code, amended by Act 610, 1990. Act 145, 1995 added 3 new at-large seats. Act 222, 1997 added 3 new circuit seats. Act 241, 2012, added 3 new at-large seats.

First Circuit

Counties—Calhoun, Dorchester, Orangeburg

DICKSON, Edgar W. (2009–22), Judge of the First Circuit, Seat 1, 151 Docket St., P.O. Box 1949, Orangeburg 29116, Tel. (803) 535-2187, Fax (803) 535-2188; *b.* Aug. 26, 1950; *s.* Glenn Wells Dickson, Sr. and Katherine Montgomery Dickson; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1972, J.D., 1977; Nov. 17, 1973 *m.* Lessie Gayle Floyd, 2 children, E. Charles and James F.; *mem.*: S.C. Bar; Orangeburg Co. Bar Assn.; Amer. Bar Assn.; St. Andrews Soc. of Cola.; Soc. of High Hill of the Santee; Orangeburg Presbyterian Church Soc.; First Presbyterian Church, Elder; elected Judge of the First Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 11, 2009 to succeed James C. Williams, retired; qualified Feb. 27, 2009, serving continuously since.



Admin. Asst.—Catherine C. WilsonOrangeburg
Court Reporter—Hilda M. JordanLexington
Solicitor—David M. Pascoe, Jr. (2021)Summerville
Public Defender—Mark A. LeiendeckerSummerville

GOODSTEIN, Diane Schafer (1998–22), Judge of the First Circuit, Seat 2, P.O. Box 234, St. George 29477, Tel. (843) 832-0332; *b.* Dec. 1, 1955 in Dillon; *d.* Joseph M. Schafer and Helen Schafer Mast; *g.* Univ. of N.C. at Chapel Hill, B.A., 1978, J.D., 1981; Apr. 2, 1983 *m.* Arnold S. Goodstein; private practice, Goodstein, Bowling, Douglas & Phillips, 1981–83; Partner/VP, Goodstein & Goodstein, P.A., 1983–98; Dorchester Co. Atty., 1986–88; Bd. *mem.*: Greater Summerville Chamber



of Commerce; Hospice of Charleston; My Sister's House; S.C. Bar Professional Responsibility Com.; Dorchester Co. Centennial Com.; Bd. of Dirs., KK Beth Elohim, 2000–04; mem., Circuit Judge's Adv. Com.; Panel Chair of the Comm. on Judicial Conduct; 2012 recipient of the Pursuit of Justice Award from the Amer. Bar Assn. Litigation/Ins. Section; 2014 Portrait Recipient, S.C. Assn. for Justice; 2014–15 Del. to Amer. Bar Assn.; elected Judge of the First Circuit, Seat 2, May 5, 1998 to fulfill Act 458, 1996; qualified May 26, 1998, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Karen ParkerHarleyville
Law Clerk—W. Richards HundleyCharleston
Solicitor—David M. Pascoe, Jr. (2021)Summerville
Public Defender—Mark A. LeiendeckerSummerville

Second Circuit

Counties—Aiken, Bamberg, Barnwell



EARLY, Doyet A. III (2004–22), Judge of the Second Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box 90, Bamberg 29003, Tel. (803) 245-4004; *b.* Jan. 6, 1948 in Orangeburg; *s.* D. A. “Jack” and Olivia Prevetie Early; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1971, J.D., 1974; July 20, 1969 *m.* Lee Foy Early, 2 children, William P. and Ross H.; founded private practice which became the firm of Early and Ness;

admitted to practice law in all S.C. courts, the U.S. Dist. Court for the Dist. of S.C. and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals; mem.: RHO Chap. of the Kappa Alpha Order; S.C. Bar Assn., S.C. Trial Lawyers Assn., Amer. Bd. of Trial Attys.; has served on Bd. of Comrs. on Grievances and Discipline, Judicial Qualifications Com. of the S.C. Bar; past Pres., Bamberg Co. Public Defender Corp.; past mem., Adv. Bd. of S.C. Bank and Trust, Bamberg; past Chm., S.C. Heart Fund; past Pres., Bamberg-Ehrhardt Red Raider Booster Club; mem., First Baptist Church; elected Judge of the Second Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 4, 2004 to fulfill the unexpired term of Rodney A. Peebles, retired; qualified May 1, 2004, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Karin CokerBamberg
Law Clerk—Gaillard T. Dotterer IIIBamberg
Court Reporter—Brenda J. SigwaldAiken
Solicitor—J. Strom Thurmond, Jr. (2021)Aiken
Public Defender—D. Grant GibbonsAiken

Third Circuit

Counties—Clarendon, Lee, Sumter, Williamsburg

COTHRAN, Ralph Ferrell, Jr. (2006–22), Judge of the Third Circuit, Seat 1, 16 N. Brooks St., Manning 29102, Tel. (803) 435-2450; *b.* Feb. 14, 1952 in Clarendon Co.; *s.* Ralph Ferrell and Ruth Cothran; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1974, J.D., 1977; Apr. 12, 1985 *m.* Deborah Jean Brakefield, 3 children, Scott Ferrell, Michael Bailey, and stepson, Marion Epps Dubose IV; past Chm., Clarendon Co. Election Comm.; Chm., United Way; mem.: Rotary Club, 1989–06; S.C. Bar Assn.; Clarendon Co. Bar Assn.; Clarendon Co. Atty.; Asst. Solicitor, Clarendon Co., 1983–06; Fee Dispute & Resolution Bd.; Session Presbyterian Church; elected Judge of the Third Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 15, 2006 to fulfill the unexpired term of Thomas W. Cooper, Jr., retired; qualified Oct. 4, 2006, serving continuously since.



Admin. Asst.—Gayle BrunsonManning
Court Reporter—vacant

Solicitor—Ernest A. Finney III (2023)Sumter

Public Defender—Jack D. Howle, Jr.Sumter

CURTIS, Kristi Fisher (2018–24), Judge of the Third Circuit, Seat 2, 215 N. Harvin St., Sumter 29150, Tel. (803) 436-2152; *b.* July 11, 1969 in Texas; *d.* Sterling M., Jr. and Bettye Jo Fisher; *g.* Univ. of S.C., 1991, B.A., 1995, J.D.; May 20, 1995 *m.* Warren S. Curtis, 2 children, Chandler and Connor; mem., Sumter Rotary Club, 2004–; Chief Magistrate, Sumter Co., 2011–18; Avenue of Service Award, 2014–15; Pres., Sumter YMCA Bd. of Dirs., 2015; mem., Alice Drive Baptist Church; elected Feb. 7, 2018 to fulfill the unexpired term of George C. “Buck” James, Jr., elected to Supreme Court.



Fourth Circuit

Counties—Chesterfield, Darlington, Marlboro, Dillon



BURCH, Paul Michael (1991–22), Judge of the Fourth Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box 276, Pageland 29728, Tel. (843) 672-3270; residing in Pageland; *b.* 1954 in Charlotte, N.C.; *s.* William B. and Laura (Arant) Burch; *g.* Univ. of S.C. Lancaster, A.S., Criminal Justice, 1974; Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1976, M.A., 1978, J.D., 1980; graduate, Gen. Jurisdiction and Advanced Evi-

dence Course of Natl. Judicial Coll., Reno, Nevada; Aug. 1, 1976 *m.* Kimberly Lee Thomas, 3 children, Kendall Renee, Ashley Lee, and Paul Michael, Jr.; Chesterfield Co. Council, 1983–88, VC, 1987–88; past Chm. of Trustees and Admin. Bd. of Pageland United Methodist Church; past Master, Mt. Moriah Masonic Lodge No. 58 A.F.M.; Jamil Shrine Temple; Pageland Police Dept. (6 years); Pageland Volunteer Fire Dept. (46 years); past Chm., Sandhill Ducks Unlimited; Sentencing Guidelines Comm.; Legis. Fire Caucus; House of Reps., 1988–91; Judicial Del. to the ABA Natl. Conf., 2000–02; Pres., S.C. Circuit Court Judges Assn., 2008–10; elected Judge of the Fourth Circuit, Seat 1, May 29, 1991 to fulfill the unexpired term of C. Anthony Harris, retired; qualified July 10, 1991, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Dell B. ChapmanPageland

Law Clerk—John W. GibsonPageland

Court Reporter—Hattie GordonWallace

Solicitor—Will Rogers (2021)Bennettsville

Public Defender—Matthew RiversDillon



HENDERSON, Roger E. (2015–24), Judge of the Fourth Circuit, Seat 2, P.O. Box 311, 155 W. Main St., Chesterfield 29709, Tel. (843) 623-3080, Fax (843) 623-3402; residing in Chesterfield; *b.* Oct. 12, 1949 in Wadesboro, N.C.; *s.* the late James F., Sr. and Selma R. Henderson; *g.* Wofford Coll., 1971, B.S.; Univ. of S.C., 1977, J.D.; May 24, 1975 *m.* Sarah Jane

Leppard, 3 children, Emory, Charlotte, and Roger Edward, Jr., 4 grandchildren; mem., Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity; firm of Henderson & Spencer, 1977–95; Chm., Chesterfield Co. Election Comm., 1979–84; Higher Educ. Comm., 1986–93; Bd.

of Comrs., Grievances and Discipline, 1986–90; Asst. Recorder, Town of Chesterfield, 1979–80, Recorder, 1981–82; mem.: S.C. Bar Assn.; Chesterfield Co. Bar Assn.; Amer. Bar Assn.; past mem.: S.C. Trial Lawyers' Assn.; Jaycees; Lion's Club; Chesterfield Civitan Club; Chesterfield Serv. Club; Boy Scout Troop 650; Eagle Scout; admitted to practice in all S.C. courts and the U.S. Dist. Court for the Dist. of S.C.; past Pres., S.C. Conf. of Family Court Judges; awarded the Family Court's Buchan, Brown and Jacobs Award in 2014; mem., Chesterfield Baptist Church; mil. serv.: USAR, 1971–77; Family Court Judge, 1995–15; elected Circuit Judge of the Fourth Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 4, 2015 to fulfill the unexpired term of J. Michael Baxley, resigned.

Admin. Asst.—Mary MumfordChesterfield
Law Clerk—Josh BrownChesterfield

Fifth Circuit

Counties—Kershaw, Richland

BENJAMIN, DeAndrea Gist (2011–19), Judge of the Fifth Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box 192, Columbia 29202, Tel. (803) 576-1746, Fax (803) 576-1777; residing in Columbia; *b.* Oct. 4, 1972 in Richland Co.; *d.* Donald and Adrienne Gist; *g.* Winthrop Univ., B.A., 1994; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1997; June 8, 2002 *m.* Stephen K. Benjamin, 2 children; Asst. Solicitor, Richland Co.



Solicitor's Office, 1998–99; Asst. Atty. Gen., Atty. Gen.'s Office, 1999–01; Juvenile Parole Bd., 2001–04; Gist Law Firm, 2001–11; City of Cola. Municipal Judge, 2004–11; Chm., S.C. Bar Young Lawyer's Div., 2006–07; mem.: S.C. Bar Bd. of Govs., 2007–09; S.C. Bar House of Delegates, 2004–09; ABA Young Lawyer's Div.; S.C. Women Lawyers Assn.; S.C. Black Lawyers Assn.; Richland Co. Bar Assn.; S.C. Appleseed Foundation; Cola. Alumnae Chap. of Delta Sigma Theta; Bd. mem.: Edventure Children's Museum; Congaree Girl Scouts; mem., St. John Baptist Church; elected Judge of the Fifth Circuit, Seat 1, to fulfill the unexpired term of John Ernest Kinard, Jr., retired; qualified Nov. 16, 2010, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Jerrold Kirk-JamesColumbia
Court Reporter—Deborah M. McCurdyColumbia
Solicitor—Byron E. Gipson (2023)Columbia
Public Defender—Douglas S. StricklerColumbia



MANNING, Lee Casey (1994–24), Judge of the Fifth Circuit, Seat 2, P.O. Box 192, Columbia 29202, Tel. (803) 576-1773, Fax (803) 576-1744; residing in Columbia; elected Judge of the Fifth Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 2, 1994; qualified Mar. 31, 1994, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Raye Jefferson Columbia
Court Reporter—Elizabeth Harris Columbia
Solicitor—Byron E. Gipson (2023) Columbia
Public Defender—Fielding Pringle Columbia



HOOD, Robert E. (2013–21), Judge of the Fifth Circuit, Seat 3, 1701 Main St., Room 222, P.O. Box 192, Columbia 29202-0192, Tel. (803) 576-1770, Fax (803) 576-1772; *b.* 1975 in Atlanta, Ga.; *s.* H.C. and Brenda B. Hood; *g.* The Citadel, B.A., 1998; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 2001; mem., Moot Court Bar; Order of the Barristers; Asst. Solicitor; 5th Judicial Circuit,

2001–03; Asst. Atty. for the Statewide Grand Jury, 2003–05; private practice, 2005–12; elected Feb. 1, 2012, to fulfill the unexpired term of G. Thomas Cooper, Jr., retired; qualified Jan. 2, 2013, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Jeanne-Marie Bolin Columbia
Court Reporter—Karen Ambroziak Blythewood
Solicitor—Byron E. Gipson (2023) Columbia
Public Defender—Douglas S. Strickler Columbia

Sixth Circuit

Counties—Chester, Lancaster, Fairfield



GIBBONS, Brian McDowell (2013–22), Judge of the Sixth Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box 580, Chester 29706, Tel. (803) 581-4115; residing in Chester; *b.* Nov. 24, 1966 in Orangeburg; *s.* I. McDowell “Mac” and Beverly Williamson Gibbons; *g.* The Citadel, B.S., 1989; Univ. of S.C. School of Law, J.D., 1992; *m.* Lorena Crouch, 3 children, Mason Bradley, Mitchell Banks,

and Marshall Britt; founding Pres., Chester/Fairfield Citadel Club; private practice, Hamilton, Delleney and Gibbons, 1992–05; former city atty., Chester; former town atty., Fort

Lawn and Great Falls; past Pres., Chester Rotary Club; Blackstock Bluegrass; Chester YMCA Bd.; Bd. mem., Richard Winn Academy; Sixth Circuit rep. for the S.C. Trial Lawyers Bd. of Govs.; licensed to practice in all state courts, the Fed. Dist. Court, and U.S. Court of Appeals; Family Court Judge, 2005–13; mem., Diaconate, Chester Assoc. Reformed Presbyterian Church; elected Judge of the Sixth Circuit, Seat 1, May 15, 2013 to fulfill the unexpired term of Brooks Pope Goldsmith, retired.

Admin. Asst.—Mary OrrChester
Law Clerk—Ryan SwancyChester
Solicitor—Randy E. Newman, Jr. (2023)Lancaster
Public Defender—Michael H. LifseyChester

Seventh Circuit

Counties—Cherokee, Spartanburg

COLE, Joseph Derham (1992–19), Judge of the Seventh Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box 1744, Spartanburg 29304, Tel. (864) 596-2685; residing in Spartanburg; *b.* May 27, 1952; *s.* Claude, Jr. and Esther L. Lewis Cole; *g.* Spartanburg High School, 1970; Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1974, J.D., 1976; Aug. 10, 1974 *m.* Candace Linn Carlson, 3 children, J. Derham, Jr., Jonathan,



and Carlson; mem.: Co. & S.C. Bar Assns.; Natl. Jud. Coll., Univ. of Nevada, 1993; Asst. Circuit Solicitor, Seventh Judicial Circuit, 1977–85; Chm., Spartanburg Co. House Delegation; VC, Spartanburg Co. Legis. Delegation; Order of the Palmetto; panel Chm., Comm. on Judicial Conduct, 2001–; VP, S.C. Assn. Circuit Judges, 2008–10, Pres., 2010–12; Del., Natl. Conf. State Trial Judges, 2010–15; mem., Amer. Bar Assn.; designated S.C. Bus. Court Judge; prev. serv. in House 1987–92; elected Judge of the Seventh Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 5, 1992; qualified Mar. 31, 1992, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Sue PardueSpartanburg
Law Clerk—Hunt RussellSpartanburg
Court Reporter—Linda MoffittSpartanburg
Solicitor—Barry J. Barnette (2021)Spartanburg
Public Defender—Clay T. AllenSpartanburg



KNIE, Grace Gilchrist (2017–24) Judge of the Seventh Circuit, Seat 2, 180 Magnolia St., Spartanburg 29306; Tel. (864) 596-2285; residing in Spartanburg Co.; *b.* Aug. 13 in Augusta, Ga.; *d.* James W. and Elizabeth H. Gilchrist; *g.* Columbia Coll., B.A., 1986; 2003 *m.* Patrick E. Knie; Martindale-Hubbell AV Pre-eminent rating; mem., Super Lawyers; past Pres., Spartanburg Co. Bar Assn.; past Chm., Cinderella Prom Dress Project of the Spartanburg Co. Bar Assn.; City Prosecutor, City of Spartanburg for more than 15 years; elected Judge of the Seventh Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 1, 2017 to fulfill the unexpired term of Roger L. Couch, retired.

Admin. Asst.—Ashley SearcySpartanburg
Law Clerk—Elizabeth von KellerSpartanburg
Solicitor—Barry J. Barnette (2021)Spartanburg
Public Defender—Clay T. AllenSpartanburg

Eighth Circuit

Counties—Abbeville, Greenwood, Laurens, Newberry



ADDY, Frank R., Jr. (2010–22), Judge of the Eighth Circuit, Seat 1, 528 Monument St., Suite 210, Greenwood 29646, Tel. (864) 943-8020, Fax (864) 942-8581; *b.* Nov. 5, 1967 in Greenwood; *s.* Mary Katherine and the late F. Robert Addy, Sr.; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1990, J.D., 1993; *m.* Kelly Sprouse; Univ. of S.C. School of Law, Articles Editor for the Student Editorial Bd.

of the Real Property, Probate, and Trust Journal; Pres., Intl. Law Soc.; Intl. Moot Court Team; mem., Palmetto Law Soc.; admitted to the S.C. Bar, 1993; former Asst. Solicitor, Eighth Circuit; Dep. Solicitor, 1995; private practice, 1997; Public Defender, Greenwood and Abbeville Cos., 1998–99; Greenwood Co. Probate Judge, 1999–10; Chm., Probate Judge's Adv. Com. to the Chief Justice, 2001–03; Exec. of the Year award from the Emerald Chap. of the IAAP, 2003; Pres., S.C. Assn. of Probate Judges, 2005–06; Special Circuit Judge, 2006–07; mem.: Greenwood Masonic Lodge #91; St. Mark United Methodist Church; Judge, Eighth Circuit Drug Court, 2008–; elected Judge of the Eighth Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 3, 2010 to fulfill the unexpired term of Wyatt Saunders, deceased; qualified Apr. 19, 2010, serving continuously since.

<i>Admin. Asst.</i> —Freda Sartin	Greenwood
<i>Law Clerk</i> —Meagan E. White	Greenwood
<i>Solicitor</i> —David M. Stumbo (2021)	Greenwood
<i>Public Defender</i> —Janna A. Nelson	Greenwood

GRIFFITH, Eugene C. (2009–24), Judge of the Eighth Circuit, Seat 2, 1226 College St., Newberry 29108, Tel. (803) 321-1430, Fax (803) 276-3281; *b.* Dec. 12, 1964; *s.* the late Eugene C. and Anne Bruner Griffith; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., Bus. Admin., 1987, J.D., 1990; 3 children, Cannon, Geena, and Patrick; Griffith Law Firm, 1992–97; Rushing and Griffith, P.C., 1997–09; Special Prosecutor for the Eighth Judicial Circuit, 2005–09; Newberry City Atty., 1994–09; mem.: S.C. Assn. for Justice & Amer. Assn. for Justice; ABA, S.C. Bar, Newberry Co. Bar, Newberry Co. Public Defender Corp. Bd., 1994–04; Newberry Country Club Bd. of Dirs., 2000–02; Dixie Youth Baseball, Coach, 2000–11; Newberry Co. Chamber of Commerce, 1998–09; Piedmont Citizens Com. on Judicial Qualifications, 2004–06; Newberry Co. Tax Adv. Com., 2006–09; Central United Methodist Church: Youth Group Coordinator, former Admin. Bd. Chair, Treas., and Fin. Com. mem.; elected Judge of the Eighth Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 11, 2009 to fulfill the unexpired term of J. W. Johnson, deceased; qualified Feb. 27, 2009, serving continuously since.



<i>Admin. Asst.</i> —Deana Linowski	Newberry
<i>Court Reporter</i> —Joy Holston	Newberry
<i>Solicitor</i> —David M. Stumbo (2021)	Greenwood
<i>Public Defender</i> —Janna A. Nelson	Greenwood

Ninth Circuit

Counties—Charleston, Berkeley

JEFFERSON, Deadra L. (2001–19), Judge of the Ninth Circuit, Seat 1, 100 Broad St., Suite 336, Charleston 29401-2283, Tel. (843) 958-5147, Fax (843) 958-5148; *b.* Charleston; *g.* Converse Coll., B.A.; Univ. of S.C., J.D.; law clerk to the Hon. Richard E. Fields; *Who's Who Among Amer. Coll. and Univ. Students*; Junior League of Charleston, 1993–03; Delta Sigma Theta Sor., Inc.; mem.: Life Center of Charleston, Bd. of Trustees, 2000–; Bd. of Trustees, Converse Coll., 2002–; Bd. of



Advisors, Charleston School of Law, 2003–; Charleston Chap. of Links, Inc.; Liberty Fellowship; Judge of the Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 5, 1996–01; elected Judge of the Ninth Circuit, Seat 1, May 30, 2001 to succeed Daniel E. Martin, retired; qualified July 2, 2001, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Chanda SheppardCharleston
Court Reporter—vacant

Solicitor—Scarlett Wilson (2021)Charleston

Public Defender—D. Ashley PenningtonCharleston



PRICE, Bentley D. (2019–25), Judge of the Ninth Circuit, Seat 2, 300B California Ave., Moncks Corner 29461, Tel. (843) 719-4480, Fax (843) 719-4724; *b.* Oct. 19, 1976; *s.* Jimmy D. and Judy L. Price; *g.* Wofford Coll., 1999; Stetson Univ. Coll. of Law, J.D., 2002; married, 2 children; elected Judge of the Ninth Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 6, 2019; qualified Mar. 4, 2019.

Admin. Asst.—Tamara WaltersMoncks Corner

Law Clerk—Juliana BeeksMoncks Corner

Court Reporter—Denise LauderMoncks Corner

Solicitor—Scarlett Wilson (2021)Charleston

Public Defender—D. Ashley PenningtonCharleston



YOUNG, Roger M. (2003–21), Judge of the Ninth Circuit, Seat 3, 100 Broad St., Charleston 29401, Tel. (843) 958-2015, Fax (843) 740-5108; *g.* Charleston Southern Univ., B.S., 1980; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1983; Univ. of Nevada-Reno, M.J.S., 2000; *m.* Tara Amick Young; N. Charleston Municipal Court Judge, 1988–90; S.C. House of Reps., 1990–94; Charleston Co.

Master-in-Equity, 1996–03; elected Judge of the Ninth Circuit, Seat 3, May 29, 2002 to succeed A. Victor Rawl, retired; qualified July 11, 2003, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Robyn HillsMt. Pleasant

Law Clerk—Lyndsay LuthringerIsle of Palms

Court Reporter—Amanda HaffendenSummerville

Solicitor—Scarlett Wilson (2021)Charleston

Public Defender—D. Ashley PenningtonCharleston

Tenth Circuit

Counties—Anderson, Oconee

McINTOSH, Rivers Lawton (2009–19), Judge of the Tenth Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box 8002, Anderson 29622, Tel. (864) 260-4059; *b.* Apr. 10, 1960 in Anderson; *s.* Jack F. and Frances Varn McIntosh; *g.* Wofford, 1982; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1986; *m.* Jessie Ruth Wilson, M.D., 1 daughter, Katie; private practice, 1987–09; mem.: St. John's Methodist Church; elected Judge of the Tenth Circuit, Seat 1, May 13, 2009 to succeed J. C. Nicholson, retired; qualified July 21, 2009, serving continuously since.



Admin. Asst.—Tammy JenningsAnderson
Law Clerk—MacKenzie PolstonAnderson
Court Reporter—vacant
Solicitor—David Wagner (2021)Anderson
Public Defender—Jennifer JohnsonAnderson

SPROUSE, R. Scott (2015–24), Judge of the Tenth Circuit, Seat 2, P.O. Box 1277, Walhalla 29691, Tel. (864) 638-4266; residing in Walhalla; *b.* July 5, 1964 in Scottsboro, Ala.; *s.* Bobby J. Sprouse and Dorothy Bridges Sprouse; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.A., 1985; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1989; *m.* Mary Stoudemire Sprouse, 2 children, Robert Ward and John Pegram; City Atty., City of Westminster, 1992–14; Hearing Off., ABC Comm., 1993–94; Municipal Judge, City of Walhalla, 1996–14; Municipal Judge, Town of Salem, 2011–14; mem.: S.C. Bar Assn.; Oconee Co. Bar Assn.; S.C. Assn. for Justice (f/k/a SCTL), 1993–14; Amer. Assn. for Justice (f/k/a ATLA), 1993–14; Natl. Judicial Coll., Reno, NV, American Bar Assn. Judicial Div.; Seneca Sertoma Club, 1991–09; mem., St. John's Lutheran Church in Walhalla; elected Judge of the Tenth Circuit, Seat 2, May 28, 2014 to succeed The Hon. Alexander S. Macaulay, retired.



Admin. Asst.—Renee HattensteinWestminster
Law Clerk—Lucas J. RichardsonWalhalla
Court Reporter—Diane MarcengillWalhalla
Solicitor—David R. Wagener (2021)Anderson

Eleventh Circuit

Counties—Lexington, Saluda, Edgefield, McCormick



KEESLEY, William Paul (1991–24), Judge of the Eleventh Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box 10, Edgefield 29824, Tel. (803) 637-4095; residing in Edgefield; *b.* 1953 in Augusta, Ga.; *s.* the late Archie E. and Lois Keesley; *g.* Wofford Coll., B.A., Govt., 1975; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1978; *m.* Linda F. Black, 1 child, Kylie; Phi Beta Kappa, 1975; past Pres., Edgefield Co. Bar Assn.;

former Tri-County Public Defender; former Asst. Solicitor, 11th Circuit; mem., House of Reps., 1989–91; elected Judge of the Eleventh Circuit, Seat 1, May 8, 1991 to fulfill the unexpired term of Hubert E. Long, retired; qualified Aug. 13, 1991, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Nancy C. Turner Johnston

Solicitor—S. Richardson Hubbard (2023) Lexington

Public Defender—Robert M. Madsen Lexington



McLEOD, Walton James "Tad" (2018–24), Judge of the Eleventh Circuit, Seat 2, 205 E. Main St., Lexington 29072, Tel. (803) 785-8239; residing in Lexington Co.; *b.* in Columbia; *s.* Walton J. McLeod III and Julie Hamiter McLeod; *g.* Tulane Univ., B.A., 2001; Univ. of S.C., School of Law, J.D., 2008; attended Gray's Inn, London, England, 2006; Apr. 18, 2009

m. Catherine Nelson, 3 children, Jay, Thomas, and Caroline; Eagle Scout, 1994; Judicial Law Clerk for Hon. James R. Barber III, 2008–09; private practice, Woods Law Firm, Lexington, S.C. 2009–11; Mike Kelly Law Group, 2011–15; McLeod Law Group, 2015–18; mem.: Richland Sertoma Club, 2011–16; S.C. Bar Conventions Com., Chm., 2016–18; American Legion 2002–; Lifetime mem., Veterans of Foreign Wars; St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 2011–; mil. serv.: U.S. Navy 2001–05; Navigator, USS MITSCHER; Strike Warfare Officer, USS THORN; elected Judge of the Eleventh Circuit, seat 2, February 7, 2018.

Admin. Asst.—Rhoda Hinson Columbia

Law Clerk—Jeff Hopkins W. Columbia

Court Reporter—Bethany Creppon Lexington

Solicitor—S. Richardson Hubbard (2023) Lexington

Public Defender—Robert M. Madsen Lexington

Twelfth Circuit

Counties—Florence, Marion

NETTLES, Michael Gary (2005–24), Judge of the Twelfth Circuit, Seat 1, Florence City-County Complex, MSC-XX, 180 N. Irby St., Florence 29501, Tel. (843) 292-7433, Fax (843) 292-7436, email: mnettlessc@sccourts.org; residing at 311 Lancelot Way, Lake City; b. Mar. 9, 1959 in Lake City; s. E. LeRoy Nettles, Sr. and the late Beverly Herlong Nettles; g. The Carolina Academy, 1977; Wofford Coll., B.A., *cum laude*, 1981; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1984; May 17, 1986 *m.* the late Donna Jean Hicks, 3 children, Megan Herlong, Lauren Elizabeth, and Jason Michael; mem., Lake City First Baptist Church; Pres., Lake City Rotary, 1989; elected Judge of the Twelfth Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 2, 2005 to fulfill the unexpired term of B. Hicks Harwell, Jr., retired; qualified Feb. 22, 2005, serving continuously since.



Admin. Asst.—Sherri ByrdFlorence
Law Clerk—Will McAbeeFlorence
Solicitor—Edgar L. Clements III (2023)Florence
Public Defender—Scott P. FloydFlorence

Thirteenth Circuit

Counties—Greenville, Pickens

GRAVELY, Perry H. (2015–22), Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box 219, Pickens 29671, Tel. (864) 898-5790, email: pgravelyj@sccourts.org; g. Wofford Coll., B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1983; Univ. of S.C. School of Law, J.D., Order of Wig and Robe, 1986; *m.* Kathryn Coleman Gravelly, 4 children; Assoc., Leatherwood, Walker, Todd and Mann, 1986–92; Assoc. and partner, Acker, Acker, Welmaker and Johnson, 1992–95; sole practitioner, The Gravelly Law Firm, P.A., 1995–15; Municipal Judge for the City of Pickens, 2003–15; S.C. Bar House of Delegates; finalist for Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year, 1989; Bronze Compleat Lawyer Award from the Univ. of S.C. School of Law Alumni Assn., 1995; elected Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 4, 2015 to fulfill the unexpired term of G. Edward Welmaker, retired.



Admin. Asst.—Laura ColwellPickens
Law Clerk—Christian ThorndikePickens

Solicitor—W. Walter Wilkins III (2019)Greenville
Public Defender—Chris ScalzoGreenville



VERDIN, Letitia H. (2011–24), Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 2, 305 E. North St., Suite 318, Greenville 29601, Tel. (864) 467-8448; *b.* June 27, 1970; *d.* Harry R. and Angela Blackston Hamilton; *g.* Furman Univ., B.S., 1992; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1997; Aug. 16, 1997 *m.* Charles S. Verdin IV, 2 children; Family Court Judge, Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 3, 2008–11; elected Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 2, 2011 to fulfill the unexpired term of John C. Few, elected to Court of Appeals; qualified Feb. 2, 2011, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Brittany LongGreenville
Law Clerk—Lydia DavisGreenville
Solicitor—W. Walter Wilkins III (2023)Greenville
Public Defender—Chris ScalzoGreenville



STILWELL, Robin B. (2009–21), Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 3, Co. Courthouse, 305 E. North St., Suite 315, Greenville 29601, Tel. (864) 467-8406, Fax (864) 235-3625; *b.* Dec. 20, 1966; *s.* H. Samuel and Robin Scarborough Stilwell; *g.* The Citadel, Class of 1989; M.A., Strategic Studies, U.S. Army War Coll., 2016; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1993; *m.* Charlotte Whelan, 3 children, Charlotte Elizabeth “Eli”, Dorothy Scarborough “Dee”, and Joseph Whelan; elected Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 3, May 13, 2009, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Carole RingGreenville
Law Clerk—Katherine M. SieberGreenville
Court Reporter—April HerronGreenville
Solicitor—W. Walter Wilkins III (2023)Greenville
Public Defender—Chris ScalzoGreenville

KINLAW, Alex, Jr. (2018–20), Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 4, 305 E. North St., Greenville 29601, Tel. (864) 467-8551; s. Rev. Alex, Sr. and Corine Giles Kinlaw; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1975, J.D., 1978, Natl. Coll. of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 1981; *m.* Yvette Wiggins, 2 children, Brandon and Alex III; atty., S.C. Legal Servs., 1978–80; Greenville Co. Asst.



Public Defender, 1980–81; past Bd. mem.: Legal Servs. Agency of Western Carolina, Greenville Urban League, Housing Bd. of the Urban League of the Upstate; Greenville Co. Mental Health Bd., Greenville Cultural Exchange Bd.; admitted to practice in all S.C. Courts, U.S. Dist. Court for the Dist. of S.C., and U.S. Supreme Court; mem.: S.C. Bar; Greenville Co. Bar; Natl. Bar Assn.; Donald James Sampson Bar Assn.; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; Sigma Psi Fraternity; mem. & Trustee, Reedy River Missionary Baptist Church; elected Feb. 7, 2018 to fulfill the unexpired term of David Garrison “Gary” Hill elected to Court of Appeals.

Admin. Asst.—Shannon ThurmanSimpsonville
Law Clerk—Shedricka AndersonGreenville
Solicitor—W. Walter Wilkins III (2023)Greenville
Public Defender—Chris ScalzoGreenville

Fourteenth Circuit

Counties—Allendale, Hampton, Colleton, Jasper, Beaufort

BUCKNER, Perry M. (2000–24), Judge of the Fourteenth Circuit, Seat 1, 101 Hampton St., Walterboro 29488, Tel. (843) 549-7878; *b.* May 9, 1949 in Walterboro; s. Perry M., Jr. and Dorothy Graham Buckner; *g.* Wofford Coll., B.A., 1971; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1975; Jan. 2, 1982 *m.* Janet Hobbs, 2 children, Daniel Graham and Perry M. IV; Hon. Graduate, Wofford Coll.;



distinguished mil. graduate, Wofford Coll.; Hon. Graduate, Univ. of S.C. School of Law; Asst. S.C. Atty. Gen., 1975–79; private practice, 1979–00; S.C. Bar House of Dels., 1993–95; S.C. Bar Judicial Qualifications Com., 1995–96; S.C. Bar Nominating Com., 1996–98; mem.: Wig and Robe; Amer. Bar Assn.; MUSC Children’s Hosp. Bd., 1994–98; MUSC Bd. of Visitors, 1999–00; Bethel United Methodist Church; elected Judge of the Fourteenth Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 9, 2000 to succeed Gerald C. Smoak, retired; serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Cindy NettlesWalterboro
Law Clerk—David NasrollahiWalterboro
Court Reporter—Becky HillWalterboro
Solicitor—Isaac M. Stone III (2021)Hilton Head
Public Defender—Stephanie Smart-GittingsBeaufort



MULLEN, Carmen T. (2006–19), Judge of the Fourteenth Circuit, Seat 2, 100 Ribaut Rd., Beaufort 29901; residing at Hilton Head Island; *b.* Apr. 18, 1968 in California; *d.* David Russell Tevis III and Julie Anne Tevis; *g.* Indiana Univ., B.A., 1990; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1994; Clemson Univ., M.A., 1998; July 26, 2004 *m.* George E. Mullen, 4 children, Lauren Alexandra, George “Chip”, Jr., Toria Tigie, and Tevis Marie; law clerk to Hon. L. Casey Manning; Charleston Co. Asst. Public Defender; Staff Atty., House of Reps. Labor, Commerce and Industry Com.; private practice, 1998–06; elected Judge of the Fourteenth Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 15, 2006 to fulfill the unexpired term of Jackson V. Gregory, retired; qualified July 17, 2006, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Jamie RhettBeaufort
Law Clerk—Julia BradshawBeaufort
Court Reporter—Wanda RoweBeaufort
Solicitor—Isaac M. Stone III (2021)Hilton Head
Public Defender—Stephanie Smart-GittingsBeaufort

Fifteenth Circuit

Counties—Georgetown, Horry



JOHN, Steven H. (2001–22), Judge of the Fifteenth Circuit, Seat 1, 1301 Second Ave., Suite 3A30, Conway 29526, Tel. (843) 915-6696, Fax (843) 915-5859; *b.* in N. Augusta; *s.* the late Joseph A. and the late Stephanie A. John; *g.* The Citadel, B.A., 1975; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1978; Sept. 1, 1990 *m.* Susan L. Watts, 1 child, Nicholas Blake; admitted to practice: S.C., 1978, U.S. Dist. Court and Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, 1979; U.S. Supreme Court, 1987; law clerk to the Hon. Sidney T. Floyd, 1978–80; certified arbitrator and mediator, private law practice, 1981–01; Court Apptd. Special Referee and Guardian *ad Litem* in Horry and Georgetown Cos.; City of

N. Myrtle Beach Bd. of Zoning Appeals, 1993–01; Pres., S.C. Assn. of Circuit Judges, 2016–18; elected Judge of the Fifteenth Circuit, Seat 1, May 30, 2001 to fulfill the unexpired term of Sidney T. Floyd, retired; sworn in June 29, 2001, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Marie P. Campagna Myrtle Beach
Law Clerk—Meagan Allen Conway
Court Reporter—Dixie Eubank Conway
Solicitor—Jimmy A. Richardson (2023) Conway
Public Defender—Orrie E. West Conway

CULBERTSON, Benjamin H. (2007–21), Judge of the Fifteenth Circuit, Seat 2, P.O. Box 479, Georgetown 29442, Tel. (843) 545-3030, Fax (843) 545-3282; *b.* Feb. 24, 1959 in Laurens; *s.* Laura H. Culbertson and the late Harley C. Culbertson; *g.* The Citadel, B.A., 1981; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1984; Sept. 14, 1985 *m.* Renee Kinsey, 3 children, Jay, Max, and Maggie; firm of Schneider and O'Donnell, P.A., 1985–90; private practice, Law Office of Benjamin H. Culbertson, P.A., 1991–07; Asst. Municipal Court Judge, City of Georgetown, 1985–96; Georgetown Co. Master-In-Equity, 1996–07; mem.: S.C. Bar Assn.; Citadel Alumni Assn.; Brigadier Club; Georgetown Cotillion Club; Winyah Indigo Soc.; mem., Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church; elected Judge of the Fifteenth Circuit, Seat 2, May 23, 2007 to fulfill the unexpired term of Paula Thomas, elected to Court of Appeals; qualified July 5, 2007, serving continuously since.



Admin. Asst.—Ramona Moree Andrews
Law Clerk—Evan C. Prothro Manning
Court Reporter—Grace L. Hurley Myrtle Beach
Solicitor—Jimmy A. Richardson (2023) Conway
Public Defender—Orrie E. West Conway

Sixteenth Circuit

Counties—Union, York



McKINNON, WILLIAM A. "BILL" (2018–22), Judge of the Sixteenth Circuit, Seat 1, Moss Justice Center, 1675-1H York Hwy., York 29745, Tel. (803) 628-3047; residing in Rock Hill; *b.* in Raleigh, N.C.; *s.* Halbert H. and Gail T. McKinnon; *g.* Princeton Univ., A.B., 1995; Univ. of S.C., *magna cum laude*, J.D., 2001; *m.* Ellen Whitley, 1 stepchild, Bristol; law

clerk to Chief Judge Joseph F. Anderson, Jr. in the Dist. of S.C.; law clerk: Andrew J. Kleinfeld, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit; private practice: Covington & Burling in Washington, D.C., Lewis Babcock & Hawkins in Columbia, and McGowan, Hood & Felder in Rock Hill; Asst. Solicitor, Sixteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office; admitted to bars: S.C., Washington, D.C., Dist. of S.C., and U.S. Supreme Court; ordained elder, Westminster Presbyterian Church; elected Judge of the Sixteenth Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 7, 2018 to fulfill the unexpired term of John C. Hayes III, retired.

Admin. Asst.—Frances J. Kirkman Rock Hill
Law Clerk—Bruce Greenberg Columbia
Solicitor—Kevin S. Brackett (2021) York
Public Defender—Harry A. Dest York



HALL, Daniel D. (2015–22), Judge of the Sixteenth Circuit, Seat 2, Moss Justice Center, 1675-1J York Hwy., York 29745, Tel. (803) 628-3048; residing at 1711 Filbert Hwy., York; *b.* Oct. 2, 1954 in York; *s.* John Q. and Jean Quinn Hall; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S., 1976; Campbell Univ. School of Law, J.D., 1988; Feb. 26, 1977 *m.* Cathleen (Cathy) McCreight, 4 children,

Charlie, Daniel, Jeannie, and Margare; former Cattle Mgr., Sampson Co. N.C.; licensed to practice law in N.C. and S.C.; Asst. Solicitor, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; Asst. Public Defender, Sixteenth Circuit; Municipal Judge for city of York; gen. practice of law from 1991–98; mem., Elder & Sunday School teacher, Filbert Presbyterian Church; elected Judge of the Sixteenth Circuit, Seat 2, May 28, 2014 to fulfill the unexpired term of Lee S. Alford, retired.

<i>Admin. Asst.</i> —Renée Barker	York
<i>Law Clerk</i> —Zach Kern	York
<i>Court Reporter</i> —Wanda Nelson	York
<i>Solicitor</i> —Kevin S. Brackett (2021)	York
<i>Public Defender</i> —Harry A. Dest	York

At-Large Seat 1

McFADDIN, George M., Jr. (2017–21), Judge at-large, Seat 1, 215 N. Harvin St., Sumter 29150, Tel. (803) 436-2373; *b.* Nov. 4, 1954 in Sumter; *s.* the late G. Marion McFaddin, Sr., and Joan Dennis McFaddin; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1978, M.P.A., 1979, J.D., 1985; mem. and elder Salem Black River Presbyterian Church; Family Court Judge Third Circuit, Seat 1, 2002–17; elected Circuit Court Judge at-large Seat 1, Feb. 1, 2017 to fulfill unexpired term of W. Jeffrey Young, retired.



<i>Admin. Asst.</i> —Andrea L. Morris	Sumter
<i>Law Clerk</i> —Lillian L. Meadows	Sumter
<i>Solicitor</i> —Ernest A. Finney III (2023)	Sumter
<i>Public Defender</i> —Jack D. Howle, Jr.	Sumter

At-Large Seat 2

DENNIS, Rupert Markley, Jr. (1994–21), Judge at-large, Seat 2, Berkeley Co. Courthouse, 300-B California Ave., P.O. Box 1800, Moncks Corner 29461, Tel. (843) 719-4435; residing in Pinopolis; *b.* Dec. 2, 1947 in Charleston; *s.* the late Rupert Markley, Sr. and the late Grace (Smith) Dennis; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1970, J.D., 1973; married; mem.: Kappa Alpha Order; Trinity Episcopal Church, Pinopolis; Berkeley High School Mock Trial Team Coach, 1982–; private practice, 1973–94; Natl. Judicial Coll., Univ. of Nev. at Reno, 1994; elected Judge at-large, Seat 2, Feb. 2, 1994; qualified Mar. 31, 1994, serving continuously since.



<i>Admin. Asst.</i> —Linda Droze	Moncks Corner
<i>Law Clerk</i> —Nicholas Uricchio	Charleston
<i>Solicitor</i> —Scarlett Wilson (2021)	Charleston
<i>Public Defender</i> —D. Ashley Pennington	Charleston

At-Large Seat 3



NEWMAN, Clifton (2000–21), Judge at-large, Seat 3, Courthouse, 125 W. Main St., Kingstree 29956, Tel. (843) 355-9321, ext. 137, Fax (843) 355-9301; *b.* in Kingstree; *s.* the late Dr. Marion Louis Newman, Sr. and Alice Newman; *g.* Cleveland State Univ., B.A.; Cleveland-Marshall Coll. of Law, J.D.; married with 4 children; Partner, Belcher & Newman, Cleveland, Ohio, 1976–81; private law practice, Kingstree and Columbia, 1982–94; Asst. Solicitor, Williamsburg Co., 1983–00; Managing Partner, Newman and Sabb, P.A., 1994–00; mem.: S.C. Bar Assn.; Williamsburg Co. Bar Assn.; Circuit Court Adv. Com.; Chief Justice Comm. on Professionalism; Comm. on Judicial Conduct; presiding Judge Multi-week Trial Docket, 2009; Criminal Rules Task Force; Rules Adv. Comm.; Amer. Coll. of Bus. Court Judges; Kappa Alpha Psi Frat.; Williamsburg Co. Historical Preservation Award; Trustee and Pres., United Methodist Men, I. DeQuincey Newman United Methodist Church; elected Judge at-large, Seat 3, May 24, 2000; re-elected Apr. 9, 2003 and Feb. 11, 2009, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Katherine W. Sabb-GrahamKingstree
Solicitor—Ernest A. Finney III (2023)Sumter
Public Defender—Jack D. Howle, Jr.Sumter

At-Large Seat 4



MILLER, Edward W. (2002–21), Judge at-large, Seat 4, 305 E. North St., Greenville 29601, Tel. (864) 467-8560; residing at 44 W. Avondale Dr., Greenville 29609; *b.* Sept. 24, 1952 in Chicago, Ill.; *s.* Robert A. and Mary Price Miller; *g.* Johns Hopkins Univ., B.A., 1974; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1978; Dec. 30, 1978 *m.* Martha Walker Albrecht, 2 children, Elizabeth and Walter; elected Judge at-large, Seat 4, May 29, 2002 to succeed Joseph J. Watson, retired; sworn in Aug. 29, 2002, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Karen PittsGreenville
Law Clerk—Benjamin T. HepnerGreenville
Solicitor—W. Walter Wilkins III (2023)Greenville
Public Defender—John I. MauldinGreenville

At-Large Seat 5

HAYES, J. Mark II (2003–22), Judge at-large, Seat 5, 180 Magnolia St., Spartanburg 29306, Tel. (864) 562-4144, Fax (864) 562-4142; b. Aug. 6, 1958; s. J. M. and Edith Roland Hayes; g. Wofford Coll., B.A., 1980; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1984; Intern, U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond, 1977; Blue Key, Order of the Barristers, Moot Court Bd.; listed in *Who's Who Among Students in Amer. Colls. & Univs.* and *Who's Who Among Amer. Law Students*; clerk for the Honorable E. C. Burnett III, 1984; private practice, Burts, Turner, Hammett, Harrison & Rhodes, 1985; Harrison & Hayes Law Firm, 1991; Harrison, White, Smith, Hayes & Coggins, P.C., 2000; former Chm., Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium Comm., 2001; former mem., S.C. Comm. on Lawyer Conduct; mem.: Amer. Bar Assn.; S.C. Trial Lawyers Assn.; S.C. School Bd. Lawyer's Assn.; graduate of the Natl. Judicial Coll. Gen. Jurisdiction, 2004; Del., ABA Natl. Conf. of State Trial Judges, 2005–07; 2006 Natl. VC STJD Com. on Judicial Independence; 2007 Host/Presenter "The Constitution: The Third Branch of Govt., An Insider's View," Wofford Coll.; Spartanburg Co. Bar Assn. CLE, Genetic Privacy and the Fourth Amendment: Unregulated Surreptitious DNA Harvesting, Panelist, Wofford Coll., Spartanburg, S.C., Feb. 2014; S.C. Magistrates Annual Training presenter, "DUI in S.C. Legal Update: Video Recording Challenges and Expert Witnesses," West Cola., S.C., Nov. 2013; 2008–10 Natl. Chm. STJD/ABA Com. Fair and Impartial Courts; 2009 Spartanburg Bar Assn. Law Day Speaker; admitted to practice in all S.C. State Courts, U.S. Dist. Courts of S.C., Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court; former mem., Supreme Court Comm. on Continuing Legal Educ. and Specialization; mem., St. Christopher's Episcopal Church; former Bd. mem., 721 Ministries; 2009 Chm., Piedmont Area Boy Scouts; 2010 SCAJ's Auto Tort Speaker, "Ethics—A Thin Thread to Runny-mede" and published by the Amer. Bd. of Trial Advocates, Spring 2011, *Voir Dire*; featured in the Spring 2014 (cover) issue of *The Justice Bulletin*, a publication of the S.C. Assn. of Justice; JOL Serv.: *Highway to Justice*, from the ABA and the Natl. Hwy. Traffic Safety Admin., Fall 2013; "A Quick View of S.C. DUI Videotaping Statute: The Mandates and Interpretations You Need to Know to Represent Your DUI Client" as published in the May 2014 edition of *The S.C. Lawyers*;



“Shakespeare, Really, ‘Let’s Kill All the Lawyers,’ Even the Heroes Among Them?” as published in the Fall issue of *The Justice Bulletin*, a publication of the S.C. Assn. of Justice; 2011 Spartanburg Co. Bar Assn. Justice Claude A. Taylor Distinguished Serv. Award; 2012 presenter to S.C. Defense Trial Attys. Assn. Summer Meeting; Charlotte School of Law, Legends and Leaders in the Law speaker, Nov., 2012; Amer. Bar Assn. Judicial Outreach Liaison Region 4, 2013; elected Judge at-large, Seat 5, on Apr. 9, 2003 to fulfill the unexpired term and subsequent full term of Gary E. Clary, retired; qualified May 22, 2003, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Sharyn M. WalkerSpartanburg
Law Clerk—James Nathan OzmintSpartanburg
Solicitor—Barry J. Barnette (2021)Spartanburg
Public Defender—Clay T. AllenSpartanburg

At-Large Seat 6



SEALS, William Henry, Jr. (2009–21), Judge at-large, Seat 6, 103 N. Main St., Marion 29571, Tel. (843) 423-0446, Fax (843) 423-0535; *b.* in Marion; *s.* William H. Seals (att’y. & USMC) and Melba Seals; *g.* Charleston Southern Univ., B.S., 1982; Cumberland School of Law, J.D., 1990; *m.* Phoebe Anderson Richardson, 1 child, William Henry III; Cumberland Trial Advocacy team; Seals and Brogdon; Seals Law

Firm; mem.: Marion Co. Bar Assn.; Marion Rotary Club; S.C. Bar House of Dels.; Toastmaster Intl.; Marion Memorial Hosp. Ethics Comm.; Bd. of Dirs., Marion Chamber of Commerce; Marion Arts Council; Bd. of Dirs., Pee Dee Academy; past Pee Dee Academy Shotgun Coach; numerous combat pistol courses graduate; inclusion S.C. Counsel of Mediation and ADR Roster of Civil Mediators; 1996–09, Marion Municipal Court Judge; Circuit Court Judge Rep. S.C. Comm. on CLE & Specialization; graduate Natl. Judicial Coll., Univ. of Nev. at Reno; elected Judge at-large, Seat 6, Feb. 11, 2009 to fulfill the unexpired and subsequent term of James E. Lockemy; qualified Apr. 21, 2009, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Anna B. MeetzeMarion
Solicitor—Edgar L. Clements III (2023)Florence
Public Defender—Scott FloydFlorence

At-Large Seat 7

MADDOX, J. Cordell (2002–21), Judge at-large, Seat 7, 100 S. Main St., P.O. Box 8002, Anderson 29622, Tel. (864) 260-4636, Fax (864) 260-6348; *b.* June 14, 1958 in Richland County; *s.* J. Cordell Maddox, Sr. and Brona Faye Morefield Maddox; *g.* Furman Univ., B.S., 1980; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1983; *m.* Donna Schwartz Maddox, 4 children, Jess, Brett, Hunter, and Steven; Pres., Anderson Heart Assn., 1993; Secy., YMCA Bd. of Dirs., 1995–96; Hospice Bd., 1996; ASTAR Science & Tech. Fellow; mem.: First Baptist Church, Anderson, former VC, Deacon Bd. and Trustee; S.C. House of Reps., 1996–00; elected Judge at-large, Seat 7, Feb. 8, 2002 to fulfill the unexpired term of J. C. Nicholson, Jr., elected to Tenth Circuit; qualified Mar. 5, 2002, serving continuously since.



Admin. Asst.—Cindy HicksAnderson
Law Clerk—Anna KirklandAnderson
Solicitor—David R. Wagner (2021)Anderson
Public Defender—Jennifer L. JohnsonAnderson

At-Large Seat 8

BROWN, David C. (2010–21), Judge at-large, Seat 8, 180 N. Irby St., MSC-CC, Florence 29501, Tel. (843) 679-7156, Fax (843) 679-7157; *b.* Feb. 28, 1969 in Sumter; *s.* David H. and Mary M. Brown; *g.* The Citadel, B.S., 1992; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1997; *m.* Kay Hunt, 3 children; law clerk, Judge M. Duane Shuler, 1997; admitted to practice law in S.C. State Courts, Fed. Dist. Court for S.C., and Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals; law firm of Bridges, Orr, Derrick & Ervin, 1998–01; private practice, 2001–10; past adjunct professor, Florence-Darlington Tech. Coll. & Francis Marion Univ.; Comr., Florence Co. Voter Registration & Elections; mem., Cornerstone Baptist Church; elected Judge at-large, Seat 8, Feb. 3, 2010 to fill seat of Kenneth Goode, term expired; qualified Mar. 26, 2010, serving continuously since.



Admin. Asst.—Stacey MintonFlorence
Law Clerk—Chaquez McCallFlorence

At-Large Seat 9



McCOY, Jennifer Blanchard (2018–21), Judge at-large, Seat 9, 100 Broad St., Suite 348, Charleston 29401, Tel. (843) 958-5066, Fax (843) 958-5067; *m.* Peter M. McCoy, Jr.; elected Judge at-large, Seat 9, Feb. 7, 2018 to fulfill the unexpired term of Tanya A. Gee, deceased.

Admin. Asst.—Brooke StoneCharleston
Law Clerk—vacant

At-Large Seat 10



NEWMAN, Jocelyn (2016–21), Judge at-large, Seat 10, P.O. Box 192, Columbia 29202, Tel. (803) 576-1779, Fax (803) 576-1782; *b.* Nov. 3, 1977 in Cleveland, Ohio; *d.* Clifton and Patricia Blanton Newman; attended Duke Univ.; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1999; Howard Univ., J.D., 2004; Howard Univ. Merit Scholar; admitted to S.C. Bar, 2004; admitted to practice in the U.S.

Dist. Court for the Dist. of S.C. & the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals; judicial law clerk for retired Circuit Court Judge G. Thomas Cooper, Jr.; former Asst. Solicitor, Fifth Judicial Circuit; private practice, law firm of Richardson Plowden & Robinson, P.A. in Cola.; former mem., Bd. of Dirs., S.C. Bar Foundation; Assoc. mem., S.C. Bd. of Law Examiners; mem.: Friends Adv. Bd., Ronald McDonald House; mem. & Treas., John Belton O'Neill Inn of Court; Richland Co. Bar Assn., S.C. Black Lawyers Assn., S.C. Women Lawyers Assn.; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sor., Inc., Amer. Mensa; mem., I. DeQuincey Newman United Methodist Church, Cola.; elected Judge at-large, Seat 10, Feb. 3, 2016 to fulfill the unexpired term of James R. Barber III, retired.

Admin. Asst.—Brenda PetersonColumbia
Law Clerk—vacant

At-Large Seat 11

LEE, Alison Renee (1999–20), Judge at-large, Seat 11, 1701 Main St., Suite 324, Columbia 29202, Tel. (803) 576-1765, Fax (803) 576-1768; *b.* in Washington, D.C.; *d.* the late James Joseph and Juanita Bacote Lee; *g.* Vassar Coll., B.A., 1979; Tulane Univ., J.D., 1982; *m.* May 3, 1986, 2 children; State Bar of Texas, 1982; Louisiana State Bar, 1983; S.C. Bar, 1984; law clerk to the Hon. Israel M. Augustine, Jr.; Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, 1982–83; law clerk to the Hon. C. Tolbert Goolsby, Jr.; S.C. Court of Appeals, 1983–84; private practice, McNair Law Firm, 1984–89; Staff Counsel, S.C. Legis. Council, 1989–94; Assoc. Comm., Bd. of Comrs. on Grievances and Discipline, 1987–89; S.C. Women Lawyers Assn.; Richland Co. DSS Bd., 1985–88; Planning Comm., United Way of the Midlands, 1986–90; S.C. Comm. on CLE & Specialization, 2010–16; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sor., Inc.; Cola. Chap. Links, Inc.; elected Admin. Law Judge, Seat 3, Feb. 1994; qualified Mar. 1, 1994; elected Judge at-large, Seat 11, Feb. 10, 1999; qualified Mar. 5, 1999, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—vacant



At-Large Seat 12

RUSSO, Thomas A. (2008–20), Judge at-large, Seat 12, 180 N. Irby St.-MSC-O, Florence 29501, Tel. (843) 668-3020, Fax (843) 665-3078; *b.* Chicago, Ill.; *s.* the late Vincent C. Russo, Sr. and Rosa Lee Russo; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1977, J.D., 1986; Oct. 14, 2000 *m.* Cheryl Matthews, 3 children; educator, Florence and Edgefield Co. schools; teacher/coach, W. Florence High School and Strom Thurmond High School; law clerk for Hon. Joseph F. Anderson, Jr.; private practice, Willoughby Law Firm; Knox & Zacks; Offices of Ronald A. Maxwell and Law Offices of Thomas A. Russo; Dep. Solicitor, Second Judicial Circuit; Public Defender for Edgefield, McCormick, and Saluda Cos.; Dep. Solicitor for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit; mem., Lamb's Chapel Christian Center; elected Judge at-large, Seat 12, May 25, 2005 to fulfill the unexpired term of James E. Brogdon, Jr., resigned; qualified June 1, 2005, serving continuously since.



Admin. Asst.—Jamie Capell Florence
Law Clerk—Emily M. Nellerhoe Florence

Solicitor—Edgar L. Clements III (2019) Florence
Public Defender—Scott P. Floyd Florence

At-Large Seat 13



HYMAN, Larry B., Jr. (2008–20), Judge at-large, Seat 13, Horry Co. Govt. & Justice Center, 1301 Second Ave., Conway 29526, Tel. (843) 915-6711; *b.* Apr. 17, 1949; *s.* L. B. Hyman, Sr. and the late Earline J. Hyman; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1972, J.D., 1976; May 26, 1973 *m.* Meredith Valois, 2 sons, B. Alex and Jordan; City of Conway Municipal Judge, 1983–87; Chm., Horry Co. Public Defender Corp., 1995–08; Dist. Rep., Horry Co. Parks and Open Space Bd., 2005–08; Founder, S.C. Assn. of Criminal Defense Lawyers; elected Judge at-large, Seat 13, Feb. 6, 2008 to succeed John L. Breden, retired; qualified Mar. 4, 2008, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Allison Pogue Conway
Law Clerk—Robert Jenkins Conway
Solicitor—Jimmy A. Richardson (2023) Conway
Public Defender—Orrie E. West Conway

At-Large Seat 14



KELLY, R. Keith (July 1, 2013–19), Judge at-large, Seat 14, 125 E. Floyd Baker Blvd., Gaffney 29340, Tel. (864) 487-2581, Fax (864) 487-2772; residing in Spartanburg Co.; *s.* Ralph D., Jr., and Louise C. Kelly; *g.* Univ. of S.C. Spartanburg, B.A., 1981; Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer Univ., J.D., 1987; Dec. 28, 1985 *m.* Cindy Jackson Kelly, 3 adult children

and their families; Woodruff Rotary Club, past Pres., 1990–91, 2011–12 & 2012–13; Paul Harris Fellow; Spartanburg Pilots Assn.; former mem.: S.C. House of Reps. and S.C. House Jud. Com., 2007–10; Criminal Laws Subcom., Chm., 2009–10; Spartanburg Co. Delegation; past VC Delegation; former mem., Sentencing Reform Oversight Com.; admitted to practice in all S.C. State Courts, U.S. Dist. Court, and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals; S.C. Bar Assn.; Spartanburg Co. Bar Assn.; former mem., S.C. Assn. Criminal Defense Lawyers; former partner, Lister, Flynn & Kelly, P.A.; USA, 1981–84; USAR, Capt.; elected Judge at-large, Seat 14, Jan. 30, 2013 to fill seat created by Act 241, 2012.

Admin. Asst.—Christine ThomasSpartanburg
Law Clerk—Chris BondsSpartanburg

At-Large Seat 15

MURPHY, Maite (July 1, 2013–19), Judge at-large, Seat 15, P.O. Box 802, 5200 E. Jim Bilton Blvd., St. George 29477, Tel. (843) 832-0391, Fax (843) 832-0392; residing in N. Charleston; *b.* Apr. 19 in Denver, Colo.; *d.* Ronald Charles and Mary Christine (Frederickson) Lessuck; *g.* Texas State Univ., B.A., 1991; *Miss. Coll.*, J.D., 1995; Aug. 6, 1994 *m.* Christopher J. Murphy, 2 children, Christopher Austin and Jackson Frederick; former partner, Holler, Dennis, Corbett & Garner, 1995; former partner, Quattlebaum and Murphy, L.L.P.; Murphy Law Firm, L.L.C.; former Chief Dep. Solicitor, First Circuit Solicitors Office; former Pres., VP, and Treas., Dorchester Co. Bar Assn.; mem., S.C. Women’s Bar Assn.; Magistrate Court Judge, Dorchester Co. Master-In-Equity; former mem., YMCA Bd. of Dirs.; Summerville Rotary Club; Summerville Meals on Wheels Bd. of Dirs.; elected Judge at-large, Seat 15, Jan. 30, 2013 to fill seat created by Act 241, 2012.



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Law Clerk—Chandler RoweSt. George

At-Large Seat 16

HOCKER, Donald B. (July 1, 2013–19), Judge at-large, Seat 16, P.O. Box 972, Laurens 29360, Tel. (864) 984-2076, Fax (864) 984-2333; residing in Laurens; *b.* Nov. 21, 1952 in Waltham, Mass.; *s.* Donald B. (Jack) and Allene C. Hocker; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.A., 1975; M.Ed., 1976; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1980; July 17, 1976 *m.* Gayle Lindler Hocker, 2 adult children; admitted to the S.C. Bar, 1981; mem.: Wig and Robe; Moot Court Bd.; admitted to the S.C. Fed. Dist. Court and U.S. Supreme Court; private practice in Laurens, 1981–2013; Assoc. Probate Judge for Laurens Co., 1984–2013; mem., First United Methodist Church of Laurens, past Chm. of Church Council and Sunday School; elected Judge at-large, Seat 16, Jan. 30, 2013 to fill seat created by Act 241, 2012.



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Solicitor—David M. Stumbo (2021)Greenwood
Public Defender—Janna NelsonGreenwood